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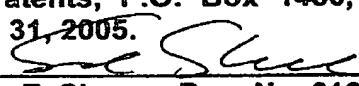
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1, 9, 16 and 17 as amended recited a water pump having "a" manifold inlet and subsequent lines in the claim made reference to "the" pump manifold inlet.

May I request that you fax to me a copy of the claims as you now carry them electronically, your official copy. I should like to check for any and all discrepancies that could lead both of us to waste time and could lead to the wrong set of claims being prosecuted!

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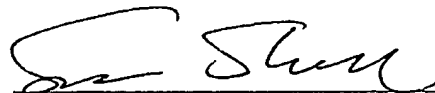
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In conclusion, Applicant submits that there is, and has been, no lack of being fully responsive to the prior Office Action. This is clear when the proper claims attachment, as submitted, is reviewed. If affidavits to that effect are required, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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